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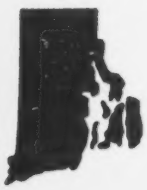

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 4,200 IN SEPTEMBER TO 408,600

Total establishment employment rose by 4,200 in September, as it reached a record high level of 408,600. Most of the monthly increase was the result of education-related hiring in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 408,600 in September. This represents a gain of 4,200 over the August level of 404,400 and is 8,900 above the September 1983 figure of 399,700.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment increased by 200 from August to September. The current figure of 121,700 is also 3,600 greater than the September 1983 level of 118,100. In the Durable Goods category, the September employment total of 82,700 was up 300 from the August level, and was 2,500 above the figure recorded one year ago in September. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 39,000 was 100 below the August total, but was up 1,100 compared to September 1983.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly gain was registered in Transportation Equipment (+200), followed by increases of 100 jobs each in Electrical Machinery and Jewelry/Silverware. Instruments declined by 100 jobs from August to September, while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. Compared to a year ago, Electrical Machinery was up by 700 and Transportation Equipment and Miscellaneous Manufacturing were each up by 600. Annual employment gains were also recorded in Nonelectrical Machinery (+300), Jewelry/Silverware (+200), and Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals and Instruments (+100 each). Annual declines of 100 each were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass and Primary Metals.

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EMPLOYERS! LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Are you a retailer planning to hire additional sales people for the approaching holiday season? Perhaps a manufacturer considering the addition of another shift or adding part-time or full-time help to your present shift?

The Rhode Island Job Service is the State's largest single source of job-ready applicants. Now is the time to list your openings with the Job Service. Our responsibility is to work with employers across the entire spectrum of the work force, providing a full range of employees from the assembly line to the front office. Professional job interviewers in each of our twelve local offices will screen and refer applicants for your consideration. You make the final selection. We can also assist you in describing your jobs accurately as you prepare your job orders. This saves you, or your personnel staff, valuable time and money in recruiting and interviewing.

For more than fifty years, Job Service has been working hard to keep Americans — and Rhode Islanders — working; a dependable community source of qualified applicants for Rhode Island employers.

Now is the time to list your holiday hiring needs with the Job Service. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265) or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. Thank you.

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JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

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EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
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WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS
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TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
Total Placements	2,378	2,838	1,848
New Applications	4,029	4,922	3,666
New Openings Rec'd.	3,958	5,274	2,621

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	% Change Aug. 1984
Initial Claims	5,494	6,847	- 19.8
No. of Payments	34,917	46,786	- 25.4
Amt. of Payments	$3,759,154	$4,939,869	- 23.9
Exhaustions	758	1,003	- 24.4

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984
Initial Claims	1,050	1,199
No. of Payments	7,280	8,932
Amount of Payments	$ 735,949	$ 926,361

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force -- Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	498.2	494.0	478.4
Unemployment	22.5	24.9	31.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	5.0	6.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.1	4.9	7.5

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	477.7	476.6	469.7
Unemployment	25.5	33.4	38.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	7.0	8.2

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	42,155	41,585	38,175
Unemployment	1,275	1,480	1,880
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	3.6	4.9

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	16,995	16,780	16,955
Unemployment	690	940	1,200
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	5.6	7.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The annual designation of Labor Surplus Areas has recently been announced by the U.S. Department of Labor. The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the Rhode Island communities listed are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Coventry
East Providence
Johnston
New Shoreham
Pawtucket
Providence
Warren
West Warwick
Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	408.6	404.4	399.7	+4,200	+8,900
MANUFACTURING	121.7	121.5	118.1	+ 200	+3,600
NONMANUFACTURING	286.9	282.9	281.6	+4,000	+5,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.6	13.6	12.5	-	+1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.8	13.2	13.7	+ 600	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	84.9	85.0	84.2	- 100	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.9	21.9	21.4	-	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	95.6	94.1	93.9	+1,500	+1,700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.1**	55.1	55.9**	+2,000	+1,200

1983 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.7	121.5	118.1	+200	+3600	$288.15	$276.31	40.3	39.7	$ 7.15	$ 6.96
DURABLE GOODS	82.7	82.4	80.2	+300	+2500	295.16	282.49	40.6	39.9	7.27	7.08
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	257.52	270.02	34.8	38.3	7.40	7.05
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 100	359.20	347.11	40.0	39.4	8.98	8.81
PRIMARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 100	335.91	351.82	39.8	42.8	8.44	8.22
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.2	9.1	0	+ 100	264.14	251.74	40.7	38.2	6.49	6.59
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.8*	6.5*	0	+ 300	415.40	361.98	45.3	40.4	9.17	8.96
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.7	11.6	11.0	+100	+ 700	267.65	281.76	40.8	40.6	6.56	6.94
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.6	9.4	9.0	+200	+ 600	404.63	364.00	41.5	40.0	9.75	9.10
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.9	4.7	- 100	+ 100	299.33	308.18	42.1	43.9	7.11	7.02
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.9	23.8	23.7	+100	+ 200	220.49	217.23	39.8	39.0	5.54	5.57
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	5.2	0	+ 600	277.20	233.87	40.0	37.3	6.93	6.27
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.0	39.1	37.9	- 100	+1100	277.77	267.02	39.4	39.5	7.05	6.76
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 200	229.25	197.57	35.0	33.6	6.55	5.88
TEXTILES	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 100	266.26	252.13	40.9	41.4	6.51	6.09
APPAREL	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 100	221.51	221.55	37.8	38.8	5.86	5.71
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	249.64	251.30	39.5	41.4	6.32	6.07
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 200	420.21	356.48	40.6	36.6	10.35	9.74
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.3	2.9	- 100	+ 300	356.57	345.87	38.8	36.6	9.19	9.45
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.6	1.6	1.3	0	+ 300	292.03	325.42	40.9	44.7	7.14	7.28
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 100	272.25	272.16	37.5	39.5	7.26	6.89
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0	197.54	215.80	41.5	41.5	4.76	5.20

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WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

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In the nondurable Goods producing category, a monthly job decline of 100 occurred in Chemical Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their August employment levels. Compared to September 1983, the largest gains were posted in Chemical Products and Rubber Products (+300 each). Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing both added 200 jobs to their year ago levels. Annual employment gains were also recorded in Apparel and Plastics Products (+100 each). The only loss over the year was posted by Textiles (-100). Paper Products and Leather Products remained unchanged from their September 1983 employment totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing categories rose by 4,000 jobs from August to September due primarily to seasonal education-related hiring in the Services, Government and Transportation sectors. The September total of 286,900 is 5,300 jobs greater than the year ago employment level of 281,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly gain (+2,000) was recorded in Government, primarily due to increased employment in local and state educational institutions. The Government employment total of 57,100 was also 1,200 higher than reported a year ago in September mainly because labor disputes in major school districts were then in progress. Seasonal gains in Private Education boosted Service employment to 95,600, which was 1,500 above its August level; the current number of Service jobs is also 1,700 higher than the year ago September figure. Primarily due to the rehiring of school bus drivers, Transportation and Public Utilities employment, at 13,800, reflected a monthly gain of 600 and an annual increase of 100 jobs. Both Contract Construction, at 13,600, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,900, remained unchanged from August to September. However, compared to a year ago, the former was up 1,100 and the latter gained 500 jobs. Wholesale and Retail Trade posted the only monthly employment decrease (-100) in this sector; however, the current job total of 84,900 is 700 higher than the total recorded one year ago in September.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $7.15 in September; this represents a gain of 19 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 1.8 of an hour in September to 40.3 hours, which was 0.6 of an hour greater than September 1983. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $288.15 in September, representing an increase of $13.64 from last month, and $11.84 from September of last year.

"Using the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) to Your Advantage" — a one-day Seminar for Employers sponsored by the Rhode Island Job Service and the State Job Service Employer Committees.

Thursday, November 29, 1984
Providence Marriott Inn
Charles at Orms, Providence, R.I.
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

For additional information and registration call R.I. Job Service at 277-3574 or Eileen Schanck, Murdock Webbing Company, 724-3000.

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